

HOW THE NCAA WORKS:

Association-wide

Although each NCAA division establishes its own rules and guidelines, certain issues affect college sports universally and require a unified approach. In such cases, committees with representatives from all three divisions make recommendations that impact the entire Association, from small private Division III schools to national champion Football Bowl Subdivision programs.

The NCAA Board of Governors establishes policies that apply across all three divisions. For example, the Board implemented a policy preventing schools from hosting championships in states where the Confederate flag was displayed, reinforcing the Association’s commitment to its values.

Changes in legislation, however, require each division to take action. The Association-wide committees propose legislative changes to the divisions, which then debate and vote on the proposals through their legislative processes. These committees explore issues impacting the health and safety of student-athletes as well as initiatives that promote fairness and expanded opportunities across college sports.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors focuses on strategic discussions that impact the Association as a whole. The responsibilities of the board’s nine voting members include:

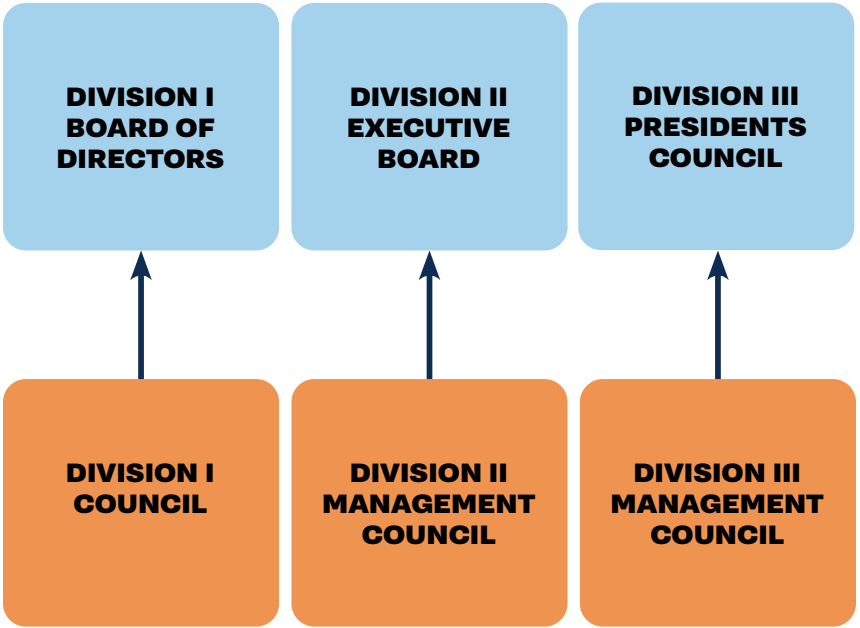
- » Providing final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget, enterprise risk management, strategic planning and establishing policies related to fiduciary responsibility.
- » Employing the Association’s president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Board.
- » Formulating policies and procedures consistent with the NCAA Constitution.
- » In consultation with the leadership of the divisional governing bodies, adopting and implementing legal strategy, Association risk mitigation, and government relations and policy matters that affect the Association.
- » Convening the annual Convention and may call for a special convention as needed.

- 9 voting members:**

 - 4** - Division I, to include at least one member institution president or chancellor and one conference commissioner
 - 1** - Division II Executive Board member
 - 1** - Division III Presidents Council member
 - 2** - Independent members (individuals who are not currently employed or compensated by any member institution or conference and shall be verified as independent by the Board of Governors)
 - 1** - Graduated NCAA student-athlete (all former student-athlete representatives, voting or ex officio, shall have graduated not more than four years prior to appointment)
- 7 ex officio members:**

 - 3** - Chairs of Division I Council, Division II Management Council and Division III Management Council
 - 1** - President or chancellor of a historically Black college or university
 - 2** - Graduated NCAA student-athletes (must represent each of the two divisions not represented by the voting member student-athlete)
 - 1** - NCAA President

DIVISIONAL LEADERSHIP BODIES



Each division sets rules and policies specific to its members’ needs but looks to the Board of Governors for Association-wide policy.

ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES, DESCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERS

Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

Provides expertise and leadership to the Association to promote a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes through research, education, collaboration and policy development.

25 Members:

- 3** - Divisional governance representatives
- 3** - Student-athletes
- 5** - Medical doctors
- 14** - Experts representing fields of sports and medicine, including a coach, two licensed mental health practitioners, two athletic trainers, a dietitian and a sport science researcher

Committee on Women’s Athletics

Studies and makes policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women and other issues directly affecting women’s athletics.

18 Members:

- 3** - Presidents or chancellors (one from each division)
- 3** - Student-athletes (one from each division)
- 12** - Member school and conference administrators

Honors Committee

Selects recipients of awards presented at annual Honors Celebration, including the Theodore Roosevelt and Inspiration awards.

9 Members:

- 1** - Current or former president or chancellor
- 3** - One member from each subdivision of Division I (FBS, FCS and Division I subdivision)
- 1** - Division II Management Council member
- 1** - Division III Management Council member
- 1** - Nationally distinguished public member who was an Honors awardee
- 2** - Nationally distinguished public members

Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee

Reviews issues related to the interests and advocacy of underrepresented and historically marginalized communities, as well as individuals with disabilities.

18 Members:

- 3** - Presidents or chancellors (one from each division)
- 3** - Student-athletes (one from each division)
- 12** - Member school and conference administrators

Playing Rules Oversight Panel

Oversees playing rules committees, including the final approval of rules changes.*

12 Members, school and conference administrators:

- 6** - Division I representatives
- 3** - Division II representatives
- 3** - Division III representatives

*The divisions have flexibility to establish federated playing rules for sports competitions and participation.

Postgraduate Scholarship Committee

Selects student-athletes to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships for graduate school.

7 Members:

- 1** - Past postgraduate scholarship winner
- 6** - Member school and conference administrators and others who work daily in college sports

Walter Byers Scholarship Committee

Selects one male and one female academically and athletically distinguished student-athlete to receive scholarships.

7 Members:

- 6** - Member school and conference administrators
- 1** - Former student-athlete

Association-wide committees can effect change by making recommendations to the Board of Governors, which has the authority to set policies – such as prohibiting mascots and imagery considered hostile or abusive to Native Americans – that affect the entire Association. Recommendations for changes to legislation are forwarded to the divisional governance bodies for review.